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Dear Paul,

For the past three or four days when I have been asked about the House committee I have been calling it the House Assassin Committee - and not in jest.

From the time of my first connection with it I have felt it was not responsible, not really serious. It took very little time for me to break off from it entirely.

I am shocked at what has happened this week. I do not know what the current Dallas score card is now. I had expected to be there beginning yesterday but developments in one of my FOIA cases made it impossible. So I'm writing you with the Oltmans libels in mind in particular. I do not know if you are on talking terms with the "unt of the deHoluronschildt families but if either wants to try to do something I believe I can help.

I have proven negatives before.

You may recall that we met when I was outraged at a similar fabrication, the one from which this one really stems, as I think I can show.

The same is true of Lester Logue. I've never spoken to him but I know the origins of that story and what was probably the Oltmans-deM source. Today's AP story is in error in saying Loran Hall is a Cuban exile. He was a mercenary. I got this Logue story from him in a series of three or four taped interviews in February 1968. I have the tapes and the transcript somewhere.

In my view the Hunts can do much despite the privilege attached to testimony. Especially if they had Hirschkop work on it. I was not able to keep up with the coverage but I understand that prior to testimony the airing was quite heavy.

There is no doubt in my mind that deM's suicide was triggered. I have a little of a track record on the so-called investigator for the House committee who was applying pressure to deM. I know much about the other character who was at least as responsible and he is not without official connections and other connections that in turn are connected to officialdom. One interview with deM was part of a very large commercial deal.

My own view is that deM was not involved in the assassination in any way and that his intelligence connections are irrelevant. I don't know if the time will come when it will not be assumed that everything theintelligenCE agencies do is ipso facto wrong and they surely have done nothing to remove this taint but as we both know in today's world intelligence agencies remain necessary and their basic functions are not improper. Nor is helping in those basic functions.

If you can keep me supplied with the Dallas coverage it would be very helpful. The clipping you sent me on deM's hospitalization was good preparation. Thanks much.

The record of this committee is so bad I think believing how bad may be impossible. It has done nothing to date that is not stolen, nothing that is relevant from an evidentiary base, it has refused to begin by establishing the corpus delecti when offered it, and it has not been able to read straight and steal accurately. It is a national disgrace. I could go on and on on this, that bad. Mark "ane, the worst of the whores and commercialigers, was almost made chief counsel this week. Imagine that! (He has a new commercialigation, in six figures, with Dick "regory. Both would die if they knew I have proofs. If the book appears there will be heavy litigation. It is an atrocity. I unde stand the proofs have been recalled. If I am correct in my hunch about the why, any litigants will have a powerful ally.) Please excuse the haste. "est wishes.